

Senate Transportation Committee Amendment Number 1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1680

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-5-1203(a), is amended by deleting the word “research” from the first sentence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-5-1203(b), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the current subsection: “For the purposes of this part, wildflowers are defined as plants or grasses which are native to the Southeastern United States, and Tennessee in particular, when available.”

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-5-1203(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and inserting the following: “The department of transportation is encouraged to take measures to reduce mowing costs associated with this program. In rural areas beyond the immediate roadside identified as having existing high quality native wildflower habitats, mowing should be conducted only as necessary to encourage the full development of the wildflower habitats. The department of environment and conservation shall assist the department of transportation in identifying these sites.”

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-5-1203(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following: “For the benefit of the traveling public and mowing crews, such areas shall carry appropriate notations stating that the wildflowers are present.”

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SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.